

Procedure for Getting a Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) to Ship PVP Seed Samples to the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO) from Outside of the United States

All Plant Variety Protection Applicants who are sending seed (foreign seed) from outside of the United States will be required to obtain a Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) before sending the 2,500 seeds with the PVP application. This requirement was announced by the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Plant Protection and Quarantine (APHIS PPQ) on January 22, 2002 (see http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/pubs/fsheet_faqs_notice/fs_phnursery.html)

Tips for expediting PC processing by USDA APHIS PPQ

1. The listing of Foreign contact persons for issuing PCs can be found at the web address: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/permits/phytosanitary/contact.pdf> and guidelines on international standards for PCs can be found at the web address: <http://www.ippc.int/IPP/En/ispm.htm>
2. All PCs should be original (not copies) and should be translated into English
3. All PCs should contain:
 - The scientific Latin name of the seed with both the genus and the species (i.e. *Oryza sativa*)
 - The country of origin where the seed was grown
 - The number of variety accessions for each species (i.e. 6 varieties of *Zea mays*). The number variety accessions should also be listed on the shipping invoice.
 - The weight of the seed (in grams) for each variety accession (i.e., 1000 g. of variety X, 1500 g. of variety Y, etc.)
4. In addition the PC should contain the country name issuing the PC clearly indicated.
5. If the Genus or Species of the foreign seed falls under the following list of admissible or prohibited species – please contact the PVPO before sending the seed for instructions on sending the foreign seed under the PVPO's Admissible or Departmental permits:
 - Arachis* spp. -
 - Lathyrus* spp. - from countries other than in North & Central America.
 - Lens* spp. - from countries other than in North & Central America
 - Oryza sativa* -
 - Panicum* spp
 - Prunus persica* - .
 - Pennisetum* spp.
 - Setaria* spp

Solanum tuberosum

Sorghum spp.

Triticum spp. and *X Triticosecale* from: Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Chile, Cyprus, Egypt, Falkland Islands, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Libya, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, N. Korea, Oman, Pakistan, P.R. China, Portugal, Romania, S. Africa, S. Korea, Spain, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, all countries formerly listed as the USSR and Venezuela.

Vicia spp. - from countries other than in North & Central America.

Zea mays

6. Foreign seed of PVP applicants should be shipped directly to the USDA-APHIS Plant Germplasm Inspection Station (PGIS) at the following address:

Plant Germplasm Inspection Station (PGIS)
Attention: Mr. Jose Ceballos - PVP Specimen
Building 580, BARC-E
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

7. Please do not send the foreign seed and the PVP application together.
- Send the foreign seed with the PC to the PGIS
- Send the 1) completed PVP application; 2) completed exhibits A, B, C, E; and 3) a check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$3,652 (\$432 filing fee and \$3,220 examination fee), payable to "Treasurer of the United States to: Plant Variety Protection Office, AMS, USDA, Room 401, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351

8. Please advise the PVPO of the date that the foreign seed was sent to the PGIS. Please include the address of the final destination for the seed (Plant Variety Protection Office, AMS, USDA, Room 401, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351) with the foreign seed shipment. Following the inspection of the foreign seed at the PGIS (typically completed in 2-4 weeks) the seed will be forwarded to the PVPO.

9. For any additional questions on obtaining a PC please contact:

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